GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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USE OF COCONUT OIL AS LUBRICANT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of slump in the coconut oil market, certain entrepreneurs have used coconut oil as lubricant in automobiles, which has proved to be economic and efficient;

(b) if so, whether any research in this regard has been conducted;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to take any immediate action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Newspapers from Kerala reported the use of coconut oil as an engine oilin auto-rickshaws in Kerala. It is also reported that use of coconut oil deposits carbon in the engine/spark plug due to incomplete combustion in 2 stroke engine. However, no research data is available about the economics and efficiency of coconut oil as lubricant for auto industry.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.